

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 23, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph and delete the footnote and its separator line at the bottom of page 8:

A1 --a) 0.5 g of (S)-6,6'-dihydroxydiphenyl-2,2'-diyl-bis-(diphenylphosphine), prepared in accordance with WO 93/15090, Example 1, were dissolved under argon in 50 ml of anhydrous and degassed tetrahydrofuran, and a suspension of 0.216 g of sodium hydride in 10 ml of dimethylformamide was added. The mixture was stirred for 60 minutes at room temperature. 4 g of TentaGel® S-bromide were then added and the mixture was stirred for a further 48 hours at room temperature. TentaGel reactive resins (products from Rapp Polymere GmbH, Tübingen, Germany) are copolymers obtained by stepwise grafting of a crosslinked polystyrene matrix with polyethylene glycol and ethylene oxide according to EP 187 391. They contain freely movable end groups, e.g., in the case of TentaGel S-Br, the group $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-Br}$. The solid present was then filtered off, stirred with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution and then with 3 x 50 ml of anhydrous methanol and filtered. After the last filtration, the resulting product was dried under reduced pressure.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 27, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A2 --The separated organic phases were combined, dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated on a rotary evaporator. The product was purified by chromatography, (silica gel Merck 60, eluent: ethyl acetate/methanol/water 75:3:1.5). Yield: 3.7g of (S)-[6-cyclohexyloxy-6'-(2-hydroxy-2-methylpropyloxy)biphenyl-2,2'-diyl]bis(diphenylphosphine dioxide).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 28, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph

A3 --c) 30 g of the modified silica gel, obtained like described in example 10 b, 15.50 ml of tributylamine and 3.85 ml of trichlorosilane were added under